

NEW YORK OUTLOOK PLEASES TAFT MEN

Belief Now Is "Hysteria" of Opposition Will Pass Before Convention.

PARSONS AT WHITE HOUSE

President Himself Emphasizes Fact That Empire State Is Showing No Signs of Real Demand for Roosevelt.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—Politics again was foremost in White House councils today. President Taft had a long conference with ex-Representative Parsons, of New York, this afternoon, and at its conclusion it was said that the belief of President Taft and his managers that the "hysteria" now prevailing in opposition to his re-nomination will pass away long before the National convention.

It was pointed out that Roosevelt boomers could not hope to win an election without the electoral vote of New York State, and that there were any substantial feeling among New York Republicans that Roosevelt's nomination was essential to secure the state's vote, matters would appear differently than they do now.

President Taft himself is understood to have emphasized the contention that New York politicians are not demanding Roosevelt and to have made much of this declared fact.

CORPORATION LAW WANTED

Olcott Calls Attention to Many Companies Now Defunct but Listed.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—"We are accumulating some first-class evidence of the need of some kind of supervision of Oregon corporations," said Secretary of State Olcott today. He continued: "For the past two months we have been sending out notices calling attention to the delinquency of corporations in paying license fees and filing the annual reports required by law."

"Within a week of the time that the first of these notices went out we began to receive by telephone, by postal card, memoranda on the margin of the form letters we had mailed, and in other ways, notices that 'this corporation has been out of business for a year,' 'in the hands of a receiver,' 'bankrupt,' 'busted,' 'never organized and stockholders are scattered so that we cannot hold a meeting to dissolve,' 'defunct,' and other melancholy comment in relation to corporations that were organized on wind, capitalized on hope and starved to death for want of suckers."

TRIVIAL CAUSES TABOO

King County Court Would Put Check on Divorce Evil.

SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—As a result of an agreement among the judges of the Superior court bench of King County, Judge H. A. P. Myers yesterday announced from the bench a hushing-up order that would hereafter be given to all divorce cases presented, and that decrees for trivial causes would be absolutely barred.

"There are too many decrees of divorce granted for trivial causes," said the court. "The general impression seems to have spread that divorces are readily obtained in this county, and a wife can step in and get one in five or ten minutes."

CANDIDATE NEAR COLLAPSE

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said when the Senator had finished, but I do remember declaring that the Senator had made an unkind, unjust and willfully malicious attack on the newspapers of the Nation, and if I had more time, I would have said something stronger on the subject.

"Last night's dinner, during which we thought we would 'josh' the statesman, ended in a calamity. It was a tragedy for Senator La Follette's hopes. He has simply wiped himself off the map."

Attack Serious Mistake.
"Undoubtedly he came to Philadelphia to make the address of his life, and when it developed into an infamous slander of the newspapers of the Nation, my prophetic misgivings of the magazine, I realized that the man had overstepped the mark."

"Previous to that, the Senator had talked for more than two hours, and when he concluded I certainly rebuked him. In my mind, the Senator, not knowing the relationship between the magazine and the newspapers, came to the dinner to attack the latter and to curry favor with the magazine publishers."

The portion of La Follette's speech to which Seltz took exception was as follows:
"I have sketched the growth and power of the great interests that today control our property and our Governments. I have shown how subtle and elusive, yet relentless, they are. Hiding up against them is the confused voice of the people. Their heart is true, but their eyes don't yet see all the intricate sources of power. Who shall show them? There are only two agencies that in any way can reach the whole people. These are the press

and the platform. But the platform in no way compares with the press in its power of continuous repeated instruction.

"Money Power" is Feared.
"One would think that in a democracy like ours—seeking for instruction, able to read and understand—the press would be the eager and willing instructor. Such was the press of Horace Greely, Henry Raymond, Charles A. Dana, Joseph Medill and Horace Rublee.

"But what do we find has occurred in the last few years? The money power has gained control of our industry and government. It controls the newspaper press. The people know this. Their confidence is weakened and destroyed. No longer are the editorial columns of newspapers a potent force in educating public opinion.

"The newspapers, of course, are still patronized for the most part by the public as fast coming to understand that wherever news items bear in any way on the control of Government by business, the news is colored; so confidence in the newspaper

is being undermined. "Cultured and able men are still to be found on the editorial staffs of all great dailies, but the public understands them to be hired men who no longer express honest judgments and sincere convictions; who write what they are told to write and whose judgments are 'saluted'."

"To the subservience of the press to special interests in no small degree is due the power and influence and prosperity of the weekly and monthly magazines. A decade ago young men trained in journalism came to see this control of the newspapers of the country. They saw this unoccupied field. And they went out and built up great periodicals and magazines. They were free."

Herbert Parsons, New York Leader Who Assures President New York Convention Will Certainly Indorse Him.

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Then came a gag rule from the committee on rules, just such as they had in the Cannon days, limiting general debate on this important bill to five hours. This was only carrying out a decree of a Democratic caucus which was called to outline the steel programme. But before the five hours' debate was consumed, Chairman Underwood got tired of the talk and moved that general debate be closed. The Democratic House sustained him, and the House at once began to consider the bill under the five-minute rule, which permits five-minute speeches on any section under consideration or on any amendment proposed.

Caucus Bars Amendments.
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180 MEDFORDITES TOUR

LOS ANGELES VISITED BY BIG OREGON PARTY.

J. A. Westerland, of Rogue River Valley Metropolis, Extols Home Apple Industry.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 2.—"When 180 persons from one town in a neighboring state charter a special train and travel almost 1000 miles to visit your city, they must certainly have a liking for Los Angeles," said J. A. Westerland, of Medford, Or., who is a visitor here, at the Baltimore Hotel. "Now that is just what we did in our city, and on the 25th day of December last we left home bound for Los Angeles with tickets good to carry us back home any time within 90 days. Some of us stopped on the way down and have just arrived, but we are all here for the limit of the tickets. To make the trip the party just put up \$200 big round dollars."

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GUARDS OFF TO GET WELTY

Convicted Banker, Losing Review of Case, Must Go to Prison.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Feb. 2.—

Two guards from the State Penitentiary left today for Colfax to take charge of H. J. Welty, the convicted banker who was released through habeas corpus proceedings at Colfax while on his way to the prison. The Supreme Court, according to Olympia dispatches, has issued a writ of prohibition enjoining the Whitman County Superior Court from reviewing Welty's case.

The order commands the Whitman County Court to surrender Welty at once to the Whatcom County Sheriff, and he will then be placed in custody of the prison officials, who will bring him here. He is under sentence of from one to 15 years.

FEDERAL INSPECTORS VISIT ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—

Federal Inspectors of Hulls and Boilers Ames and Veldon are here today to inspect the steamers Julia B. Melville and Nahotta. The steamer Myrtle was in the lower harbor searching for the missing anchor belonging to the barkentine Charles F. Crocker, but could find no trace of it. A new hook probably will have to be ordered from San Francisco. Three members of the crew

OTHER MEN TO TAKE THEIR PLACES

EXPECTED TO ARRIVE FROM PORTLAND.

of the barkentine have been released

by the captain on account of illness,

and other men to take their places are

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